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1. PREVIOUS AID/W MESSAGES ON THIS SUBJECT HAVE URGED THAT  
STEPS BE TAKEN BY THE GOUV AND DONOR COMMUNITY TO SPEED  
DELIVERIES OF EXISTING GRAIN STOCKS TO OUTLYING AREAS OF  
THE VOLTAN SAHEL. CONSEQUENTLY WE WERE PLEASED TO RECEIVE  
CDO REPORT THAT OSRO'S EMPHASIS WILL SWITCH FROM FOOD PUR-  
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CHASE TO FOOD DELIVERY. IN THE SAME CONNECTION, CDO RE-  
COMMENDATION THAT AID CONTRIBUTE TO ASSIST IN MOVEMENT OF  
ORD STOCKS WOULD SEEM, PRIMA FACIE, TO HAVE MERIT. PRIOR  
TO TAKING ANY FINAL POSITION ON AID PARTICIPATION, HOWEVER,

WE WISH TO CLARIFY WHAT IMPACT OUR ASSISTANCE LIKELY TO HAVE. WE RECOGNIZE PREPOSITIONING TIME IS RUNNING SHORT AND WILL ACCELERATE REVIEW OF AID/W POSITION ONCE INFO REQUESTED BELOW IS PROVIDED.

2. WITH RESPECT TO 5,000 MT CURRENTLY IN HANDS OF ORD'S, WHICH IS TO BE MOVED TO SAHEL, THE FOLLOWING INFO WOULD BE HELPFUL:

(A) WILL ORD GRAIN BE SOLD OR DISTRIBUTED FREE ONCE IT IS MOVED TO SAHEL?

(B) IF DISTRIBUTED FREE, ARE ORD'S BEING ASKED TO ABSORB THE FINANCIAL LOSS?

(C) IF TO BE SOLD, WHAT IS INTENDED PRICE AND WHO WILL RECEIVE PROCEEDS? IF SALES PRICE LOWER THAN THAT ORD'S PREVIOUSLY SLATED RECEIVE, WILL THEY BE COMPENSATED? IF SO; BY WHOM?

(D) REQUEST CDO'S ASSESSMENT OF EFFECT OF INTENDED APPROACH ON ORD'S FINANCIAL POSITION AND EFFECTIVENESS OVER NEXT TWELVE MONTHS.

3. WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL TO KNOW FORMULATION GOUV HAS USED IN DETERMINING THAT ADDITIONAL 5,000 MT OF STOCKS MUST BE POSITIONED IN SAHEL PRIOR TO RAINS. BASED UPON REPORTS RECEIVED AID/W; IT WOULD APPEAR THAT APPROXIMATELY 13,700 MT WILL BE PREPOSITIONED IN THE SAHEL IF ORD TOTAL IS INCLUDED (I.E., 2,000 IN THE HANDS OF SOUS COMITE, 6,700 TO BE DELIVERED BY OSRO, AND 5,000 IN HANDS OF ORD). WE DO NOT HAVE REPORTS ON VOLTAN SAHEL STOCKS OF VOLAGS OR UNICEF CURRENT DELIVERIES, BUT WOULD ASSUME THAT THESE FIGURES WOULD INCREASE TOTAL TO ABOUT 14,000 MT. IN CONNECTION WITH THIS ESTIMATED 1975 SOUDURE REQUIREMENT OF 14,000 MT, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT AFTER THE POOR RAINS OF 1973 THE MDM INDICATED A 1974 SOUDURE SEASON REQUIRE-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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MENT FOR THE VOLTAN SAHEL OF 17,000 MT (I.E., FOR AREAS OF TITAO; DJIBO, ARIBINDA, GOROM-GOROM, AND DORI). BASED ON REPORTS THAT 1974 CROP PRODUCTION IN SOUTHERN PORTION OF VOLTAN SAHEL IMPROVED SIGNIFICANTLY OVER 1973, SOME HAD ASSUMED HERE THAT THE 1975 RAINY SEASON PREPOSITIONING REQUIREMENT WOULD FALL CONSIDERABLY LOWER THAN 17,000 MT FIGURE. SINCE IT IS DIFFICULT TO ASSESS SUCH REQUIREMENTS ON A CURRENT BASIS FROM THIS DISTANCE, HOWEVER, AID /W WELCOMES WHATEVER COMMENTS CDO MAY HAVE TO CLARIFY NEED SITUATION.

4. CANADIAN WHEAT REFERRED TO PARA 3, REF (B), IS SHOWN

ON OSRO WEEKLY REPORT AS DONATION. AID/W HAS NOTED YOUR  
CORRE(TION WHICH PASSED TO ROME.

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